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REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1866.

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## CR. BY CASH RECEIVED.

By balance in the Treasury, 1865,	\$165 98
Dow Marsh,	13 75
Eaton Marsh,	3 25
Common Island,	50 00
Literary Fund,	37 20
Savings Bank,	6 81
Railroad Tax,	305 31
Family Aid bill,	3,789 03
County Pauper bill,	248 90
Robert Collins, Collector,	9,156 22
Use of Town Hall,	5 50
Money hired of David Beckman,	350 00
Ebenezer Fowler,	100 00
David Beckman,	400 00
Stephen B. Chase,	1,000 00
John Morrill, Jr.,	1,000 00
Almira Morrill,	150 00
Nancy Morrill,	150 00
Lizzie A. Brown,	436 00
Moses True,	500 00
Nancy W. Eaton,	200 00
Moses Eaton,	2,200 00
Moses G. Wilson,	500 00
First National Bank of Newburyport, due April 16, '68,	500 00
Benjamin Morrill, Jr.,	1,000 00
Joshua Eaton,	100 00
John Janvrin,	300 00
Wm. H. Noyes,	358 00
William T. Osgood,	300 00
Joseph S. Lane,	300 00
George F. Eaton,	636 29
Thomas Boyd,	300 00
Elihu Dow,	300 00
Thomas Lane, Jr.,	1,000 00
Stephen Osgood,	1,000 00
Charles R. Gove,	435 00
Isaac H. Boardman,	1,700 00
William Sanborn,	850 00
John R. Beckman,	600 00
Charles H. Sanborn,	2,300 00

Newell Brown,	500 00
Edmond Morrill, Jr.,	334 70
Mary W. Morrill,	150 00
Sarah E. Morrill,	150 00
David Boyd,	300 00
	<hr/> \$34,181 94

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid State Tax,	\$2,212 50
County Tax,	614 66
Stephen G. Johnson, School District No. 1,	70 00
George F. Dow, " " " 2,	170 00
Calvin Buswell, " " " 3,	170 00
Samuel Walton 2d, " " " 4,	170 00
Charles S. Dow, " " " 5,	170 00
Charles W. Noyes, Note and interest,	358 00
Moses Eaton, " "	374 27
William T. Osgood, " "	460 83
Joeeph S. Lane, " "	319 59
George F. Eaton, " "	420 86
George F. Eaton, " "	215 43
Thomas Boyd, " "	318 00
Elihu Dow, " "	318 00
Thomas Lane, Jr., " "	848 00
Abner L. Bagley, " "	1060 00
Charles R. Gove, " "	532 97
John Janvrin, Bounty due his son William T. Janvrin, } deceased, for the year 1864, }	300 00
Samuel Walton 2d,	328 39
Abram Colby,	1105 00
George Rowe,	619 39
Stephen F. Knowles,	620 39
Abbott A. Locke,	320 75
George Brown,	436 00
Jacob Dow,	537 36
Reuben W. Price,	315 25
George W. Randall,	638 27
Robert F. Collins,	266 07
Moses B. Knowles,	266 75
Moses Eaton, South Hampton,	432 81
William Boynton,	631 20
Isaac H. Boardman,	1870 00
William H. Sanborn,	583 00
Charles B. Sanborn,	327 77
Lowell B. Dow,	646 76
Jeremiah F. Boyd,	218 00
Lizzie A. Brown,	250 00
John Janvrin,	47 50
Edward A. Gove,	18 00
Seth Clark,	1129 03
Joshua Janvrin,	70 00
Jonathan Dearborn,	26 77
John Chase,	60 00
Charles Smith,	18 00
Jonathan Walton Jr.,	18 00
John Philbrick,	18 00
Josiah Gove,	18 00
David Boyd,	318 00
David Chase Jr.,	65 17
T. J. Clark, Savings Bank Note,	271 73
" " H. G. Fullington's Note,	66 60
" " E. Fullington's " "	64 80



Nancy W. Eaton,	260 25
Sally Fowler,	860 53
Elijah Knox,	35 00
Nathaniel Chase,	85 00
Aaron Boyd, on Aaron E. Boyd's Note,	115 00
John R. Beckman,	625 40
Abel Eaton,	130 00
John M. Wean,	51 38
John S. Janvrin,	212 63
Charles H. Sanborn,	3508 30
Almon Eaton,	20 00
William R. Knowles,	332 64
Inventory and Tax Book,	2 90
Two Record Books,	20 00
Inter. Rev. stamps and stationery,	16 40
Printing last year's Accounts,	18 50
Edwin Eaton, Superintending School Committee,	18 00
John Phibrick, making County Pauper papers,	75
C. H. Bell, for advice,	2 00
N. H. Robie, services as Auctioneer,	1 00
David F. Boyd, for making taxes,	16 00
Robert Collins, collecting taxes,	100 00
Joseph Dow, heating Town Hall,	2 00
Jackson's Express,	2 00
Interst paid on money hired within the year,	51 62
John Morrill Jr., note and interest,	669 39
Edmund Morrill Jr., "	334 70
Sarah E. Morrill, "	167 35
Mary W. Morrill, "	167 35
David Chase, "	222 50
Frank Brown, "	325 95
John N. Brown, "	325 61
Stephen B. Chase, interest on note,	38 00
Abbott A. Locke, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
David Gove Jr., Auditor,	1 50
	<hr/> \$30,475 52

### COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for H. G. Bagley 1 year end. Jan. 26, '66,	221 79
Jos. Wright and wife from Dec. 27, '65, to Mar. 20, '66,	23 00
Manual Souther, from Jan. 30 to March 20,	14 00
Dr. Jona. Dearborn, medical attendance on Eunice Wright,	5 00
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, " " J. Wright's daughter,	6 00
Robert Collins, wood to Joseph Wright,	6 00
" " " Manual Souther,	6 00
	<hr/> \$281 79

### TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Caroline A. Beckman, support of her family one year } ending March 20, '66,	104 00
Jonathan G. Chase, support of Hannah Smith,	80 00
Isaiah Dow, support of Elizabeth Eaton,	40 00
Joseph Marshall, support of Margaret Bean,	39 00
Mehitable Eaton, for her support one year,	39 00
Betsey Fowler, " " "	39 00
Sarah Dow, for the support of Isaiah Dow, Jr.,	65 00
Rhoda Fowler, for her support,	6 00
Caroline A. Beckman, for support of Samuel Eaton, 4th,	6 00
Jacob Eaton, " " "	16 00
B. S. Blake, coffin for Samuel Eaton, 4th,	5 00

Moses Eaton, funeral expenses of Mary A. Eaton,	8 75
Sylvester Brown, goods deliv'd Miriam Cilley, 1863,	4 58
Sally Fowler, house rent for Rhoda Fowler,	10 00
Charles Dow, " " Phebe Eaton,	10 00
House of Reformation, board of Lowell Fowler, Jr.	34 42
Lucy Brown, support of Sarah L. Brown,	104 00
Henry M. Hardy, support of David Brown,	96 00
John W. Locke, goods delivered to David Brown,	12 21
Sally Rowe, support of Samuel Rowe to Dec. 3,	83 25
John Chase, wood to Samuel Rowe,	22 50
Jeremiah B. Green, wood to Sarah L. Brown,	33 25
Newell Brown, " " "	2 50
Dr. Jona. Dearborn, med. attend. on C. A. Beckman's family,	7 00
" " " Hannah Smith,	1 75
" " " Betsy Fowler,	1 00
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, med. atten. C. A. Beckman's family,	15 00
" " " Betsy Fowler,	1 25
" " " Samuel Eaton, 4th,	1 25
" " " Phebe Eaton,	75
Robert Collins, wood to Betsy Fowler,	11 50
" " " Mehitable Eaton,	11 50
" " " Rhoda Fowler,	8 50
" " " Widow Nancy Eaton,	8 75
" " " Phebe Eaton,	3 00
" " " Polly Fowler,	3 00
Ebenezer Fowler, to Amesbury for coffin for S. Eaton, 4th,	1 00
Francis H. Rowe, support of S. Rowe,	32 00
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	\$967 71

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE SELECTMEN.

Otis Chase, for year 1864,	\$4 58
Jacob Collins, poll tax 1865,	6 72
Wm. Rowe, " "	6 72
Heirs of Newell Frost, overtaxed 1865,	58
Manuel Souther, taxes 1865,	8 45
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	\$27 05

### STATE AID FOR FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.

To wife and 2 children of A. B. Dow, frm Mar. 1 to July 8, '65,	\$51 20
" 2 " Webster Brown, " "	51 20
" 3 " Francis Beckman, " "	51 20
" 2 " James Wright, " "	51 20
" 4 " Albert Gove, " "	51 20
" 2 " John B. Tuttle, " "	51 20
" 0 " Charles W. Eaton, " "	12 00
" 0 " Charles L. Brown, " July 17,	18 26
" 4 " Moses B. Knowles,	54 80
" 3 " Abel Eaton,	54 80
" 1 " James C. Green,	36 00
Samuel Eaton, 3d,	34 25
Edward D. Eaton,	38 47
To wife and 6 children of George Rowe,	69 60
" 1 " George W. Randall,	46 40
Charles Hastings,	17 00
Wm. Eaton and wife,	28 00
To wife and 3 children of John S. Janvrin,	48 00
Mary A. Janvrin,	17 00
To wife and 5 " George H. Perkins,	48 00
" 1 " Abner L. Eaton,	34 00
Miriam Cilley,	48 00



Ezekiel Collins and wife,	16 00	
To wife and 1 child of Robert C. Eaton,	34 13	
Stephen F. Knowles,	24 00	
Thomas Felch,	28 00	
John Beckman and wife,	56 00	
To wife and 1 child of Lewis F. Lamprey,	4 00	
James Foster,	11 50	
John Janvrin and wife,	32 00	
To wife and 4 children of Nicholas Gynan,	102 00	
"        3        "        Wm. R. Knowles,	56 00	
"        1        "        John W. Perkins,	37 33	
Wm. T. Osgood,	16 00	
Betsy Souther,	2 66	
To wife and 2 children of Robert Eaton,	21 33	
George Brown,	17 06	
To wife and 4 children of Wm. Rowe, Jr.	36 00	
Belcher Brown and wife,	20 54	
To wife and 1 child of Abram Dow,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,460 33

### AID TO DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

Paid Wm. T. Osgood,	\$48 00	
Robert Eaton,	48 00	
Wm. Rowe, Jr.	48 00	
John B. Tuttle,	48 00	
Jeremiah F. Boyd,	48 00	
David S. Tilton,	24 00	
Jacob E. Brown,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$280 00

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Weare, plank and labor,	\$11 12	
Moses Eaton, plank,	1 02	
F. F. Felch, iron work labor on road bridge,	3 13	
Lowell Brown, plank,	1 96	
Newell Brown, "	2 67	
	<hr/>	\$19 90

### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

District No. 1,	\$6 86	
"        "        3,	2 07	
"        "        7,	3 37	
"        "        9,	1 34	
	<hr/>	\$13 64

### SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid Robert Collins, appraising and assessing 5 days,	7 50	
to Amesbury Mills, to hire money and pay interest on notes, 13 times,	20 00	
to Newburyport, to hire money and pay notes, 3 times,	4 50	
to Portsmouth, in relation to soldiers' bounties,	2 00	
to Concord, to settle State aid bill,	12 00	
to serving as Treasurer,	25 00	
to doing town business,	40 00	
to a report to the Provost Marshal in District No. 1, of the war expenses, and the amount of bounties paid by the town, and enrolled men,	3 00	
David F. Boyd, appraising and assessing 5 days,	7 50	
to family aid bills,	5 00	
to record of births, deaths, and militia roll,	3 50	
to two journeys to Exeter, to settle County pauper bill,	4 00	

to a report to the Sec. of State, of the whole amount of the war expenses in the town of Seabrook,	3 00	
to doing town business,	35 00	
David Beckman, appraising and assessing 6 days,	9 00	
to doing town business,	25 00	
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### FOOTINGS BROUGHT FORWARD.

Contingent,	\$30,475 52	
Town Paupers,	967 71	
County Paupers,	281 79	
Aid to families of soldiers,	1,460 33	
Aid to discharged soldiers,	280 00	
Roads and Bridges,	19 90	
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	13 64	
Abatement of taxes,	27 05	
Selectmen's expenses,	206 00	
	<hr/>	\$33,731 94
Whole amount of receipts,	\$34,181 94	
Whole amount of expenditures,	33,731 94	
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Balance in the Treasury,	\$450 00	

I, the subscriber, have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 20th, 1866, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in the treasury of \$450 00.

DAVID GOVE, JR., AUDITOR.

Seabrook, March 7th, 1866.

### STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES.

MONEY HIRED SINCE MARCH, 1865.

Due David Beckman,	\$350 00
Ebenezer Fowler,	100 00
David Beckman,	400 00
Stephen B. Chase,	1,000 00
John Morrill, Jr.,	1,000 00
Almira Morrill,	150 00
Nancy Morrill,	150 00
Lizzie A. Brown,	186 00
Moses True,	500 00
Nancy W. Eaton,	200 00
Moses Eaton,	2,200 00
Moses G. Wilson,	500 00
First National Bank, Newburyport,	500 00
Benjamin Morrill, Jr.,	1,000 00
Joshua Eaton,	100 00
John Janvrin,	260 00
William H. Noyes,	358 00
William T. Osgood,	300 00
Joseph S. Lane,	300 00
George F. Eaton,	636 30
Thomas Boyd,	300 00
Elihu Dow,	300 00
Thomas Lane, Jr.,	1,000 00
Stephen Osgood,	1,000 00
Charles R. Gove,	435 00
Isaac H. Boardman,	1,700 00
William Sanborn,	850 00
John R. Beckman,	600 00
Charles H. Sanborn,	2,300 00

Newell Brown,	500 00
Edmond Morrill, Jr.,	334 70
Mary W. Morrill,	150 00
Sarah E. Morrill,	150 00
David Boyd,	300 00

### MONEY PRIOR TO 1865.

Due Elijah Knox, Note and interest,	\$400 00
Sally Fowler, "	200 00
Abel Eaton, "	200 00
Abram Dow, "	265 00
Edward A. Gove, "	300 00
Hial F. Eaton, "	300 00
John Locke, "	320 00
William Beckman, "	320 00
David Chase Jr., "	300 00
John Chase, "	800 00
James Smith, "	320 00
Charles A. Smith, "	300 00
Jonathan Dearborn, "	100 00
David Chase Jr., "	586 00
Seth Clark, "	1000 00
David Batchelder, "	1120 00
David Chase, "	2250 00
James Sanhorn, "	1700 00
Josiah Gove, "	300 00
Joshua Janvrin, "	300 00
Jona. Walton Jr., "	300 00
Nathaniel Chase, "	180 00
Joseph P. Jones, "	240 00
Aaron E. Boyd, "	50 00
Stephen W. Chase, "	120 00
Comfort Stanwood, "	120 00
E. L. Fullington, "	1000 00
H. G. Fullington, "	1000 00
Salisbury & Amesbury Savings Bank, note and interest,	4000 00
John Philbrick, "	300 00
Jeremiah F. Boyd, "	460 00
Almon Eaton,	300 00
	<hr/> \$39,561 00

### Cr. by amount of property owned by the Town,

Common Island,	400 00
Dow Marsh,	150 00
Eaton Marsh,	50 00
J. Eaton land,	50 00
Due from the State on State Aid bill,	1193 67
"      "      Assignment for volunteers,	2325 00
from County,	35 00
A. Felch, Jr. and J. Beckman,	11 40
Newell Dow,	17 62
from the Collector,	558 67
Money in the Treasury,	450 00
	<hr/> \$5,241 36
The amount of debts against the Town,	\$39,561 00
The amount of money due the Town and amount of prop- } erty owned by the Town,	5,241 36
	<hr/> \$34,319 64

Balance against the Town,

ROBERT COLLINS, } Selectmen  
DAVID F. BOYD, } of  
DAVID BECKMAN, } Seabrook.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

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The time having come when the Annual Report is lawfully called for, your Committee, mindful of his trust, and without aiming at any originality of expression, presents the following exhibit of the several schools, stating plainly their condition, their wants, &c., as briefly as may be, and conveying at the same time an intelligent idea of their true standing. Therefore he adopts the usual course of reference in the first place to

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

John L. Chase, Prudential Committee. M. Abby Shaw, Teacher. Wages not reported.

Competent, experienced and faithful to her charge, she has conducted this school with propriety, gained the esteem of her pupils, and satisfied the committee that she has been a very profitable servant.

One term in the fall of 12 weeks; No. of scholars, 13; average 11.55; not absent one day, 2; attended to writing, 11; arithmetic, 11; geography 8. School orderly; lessons well recited; improvement perceptible. A good record for a small school.— With such a teacher this school needs only a larger appropriation of money to make it what it should be.



## DISTRICT No. 2.

George F. Dow, Committee. H. Maria Dow, Teacher. Wages, \$23.50. Length of school not reported.

Summer Term of — week. No of pupils, 49; average, 33; not absent one day, 2; attended to writing, 14; arithmetic, 23; grammar, 6; geography, 19; history, 3.

The school was unusually small when last visited and made up of quite young children; but they appeared very docile indeed, and the conclusion was they had made a very fair advancement in the right direction. Miss Dow, being an inhabitant of the district, was desirous, no doubt, of freeing herself from all prejudice that might arise, and labored hard for the progress of the school and the satisfaction of parents, and her labors were crowned with success.

Winter Term of 8 weeks; No. 48; average, 38; not absent one day, 3; attended to penmanship, 22; arithmetic, 29; algebra, 1; grammar, 9; geography, 19; history, 3; book-keeping, 1; composition, 5. That was right; compositions and declamations should be required of the best scholars in all of the schools. On examination the first class in reading did well. Spelling and defining lessons good. Some of the recitations not up to the mark.

Frederick B. French, Teacher. Wages, \$35. Qualified in theory, but of limited experience. The government did not seem perfect, but through his unremitting efforts to teach, a fair progress was made.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Calvin Buswell, Committee. Margaret R. Eaton, Teacher. Wages, \$20.

Summer Term of 16 1-5 weeks. Whole No. 76; average, 57.9; not absent one day, 11; attended to writing, 18; arithmetic, 39;

grammar, 2; geography, 10; history, 1. The classes in reading, particularly the smaller ones, delighted with the new Readers, progressed finely. Spelling excellent; geography lessons thorough; arithmetic lessons not so perfect. Considering the large number of so young pupils the improvement and government was all that could be expected under the guidance of an inexperienced teacher.

Winter Term of 6.8 weeks. Perkins Merrill, Teacher. Wages, \$40.

No. of scholars, 61; average, 48.5; not absent one day, 9; attended to writing, 27; arithmetic, 42; grammar, 4; geography, 12.

Through a deficiency in books, and consequently an inclination of many of the pupils to idleness, this school at first was disorderly and not properly classed. Near its close the Committee witnessed an improvement in discipline, and some better lessons than was anticipated. Mr. Merrill is a well known teacher in this vicinity, of much experience, and with a different state of things and longer term, he would undoubtedly have done much more for the school and been better satisfied with his own success.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Samuel Walton, Jr., Committee. Mary C. Chase, Teacher. Wages, \$23.

Summer Term of 14 weeks. Number, 96; average, 76; not absent one day, 4; attended to penmanship, 22; arithmetic, 59; grammar, 12; geography, 33.

There are some good scholars in this school, and they have made commendable progress; but a majority are in a backward state. They need a uniformity of Readers and Spellers, more attention paid to pauses, abbreviations, numbers, arithmetical tables, &c., and to writing. To accomplish what is necessary to be done with this large school, the inflexible energy and perseverance of a skillful teacher is required. I do not desire to be

understood to say that Mrs. Chase has been derelict in duty, for I think she endeavored to do faithfully what she could, and as she has taught several times here before, her services are too well understood and appreciated to require any extended remarks thereupon by the Committee. Register imperfect and much defaced.

Winter Term of 7.3 weeks. John L. Cilley, Teacher. Wages, \$40.

Whole number, 75; average, 58.42; not absent one day, 2; attended to penmanship, 33; arithmetic, 53; grammar, 10; geography, 34.

When visited, this school was orderly, appeared cheerful and studious, had better lessons, and made general improvement upon the winter term of last year, taught by the same good teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Charles S. Dow, Committee. Ellen F. True, Teacher. Wages, \$20.

Summer Term of 16 weeks. Whole number, 80; average, 67.1; not absent one day, 4; attended to writing, 12; arithmetic, 22; grammar, 5; geography, 14.

The register says 46 only made reading and spelling a study. What in the name of common sense did they do? they certainly did very little better than the many in your district that do not attend school at all. This was Miss True's first attempt at teaching. Commencing with a large school, she put it in order and classified it in such a manner as to evince tact and skill worthy of a teacher of experience. But after vacation it dwindled away into irregular attendance, as it usually does, and on examination deserves very little credit. To do justice, however, to those who did attend regularly and were studious, the Committee will truly say they made very commendable progress. Register not subscribed to.

Winter Term of 7 weeks. Joseph A. Fogg, Teacher. Wages \$37. Register imperfect.

Whole number, 54; average, 41; not absent one day, 5; at-



tended to penmanship, 15; arithmetic, 15; algebra, 1; grammar, 1; geography, 11.

A pretty good little school, as might be expected, made up of the best scholars in the district. But how much benefit, let me ask, can any of our winter schools derive from a term of 7 or 8 weeks? With the best of teachers, commencing under the most favorable circumstances, they can barely enter upon a progressive course of study before they are admonished of the close of the term. If the town does not deem it expedient to appropriate more money for schooling the ensuing year, would it not be advisable to shorten the summer terms and lengthen the winter? or would it be better to expend all the money in summer schools with proper vacations, say one week every two months?

You inquire, are our schools improving? Your Committee would not like to say that they are not, indeed he *must* say they are. But if you desire to have any advanced scholars raised up at the town's expense, you will have to keep them in school longer than you are accustomed to. Advanced scholars give character to schools; advanced schools give character to a town.

Most of your children leave common schools with no other preparation for the business of life; if these do not prepare them for the various pursuits of life, they will gain the necessary qualifications nowhere else. In view of this circumstance your Committee is deeply impressed with the importance of having *better* schools. Are you so impressed? If so, cause your children to attend, and regularly, too, the whole terms of school. Interest yourselves in every possible method tending to awaken in them a proper sense of their obligation to you and much more to themselves, in preparing for future usefulness. Prudential Committees should be careful at all times to procure teachers of the best natural qualifications, those whose ability and experience are commensurate to the wages. Good teachers require a sustaining influence, the best text books and enough of them. True economy demands them.

Last year the Committee thought it advisable to make a change in books, particularly in arithmetic; but upon inquiry found that there were none in the market better adapted to the wants than those now in use. A change of readers and spellers was undertaken, and it is hoped this change will soon be thoroughly carried into effect.

In conclusion, would say, our schools should be blessed with that fostering care of all concerned, that will elevate them and make them the means of conferring the highest advantages possible upon those who are to be the future citizens of the town.

EDWIN EATON,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Seabrook, March 1, 1866.